

Interactive Christmas 2013

Plenary Session – “Joyful Christmas”

1. Video clip and music as people enter – audio from laptop
 2. Welcome and Intro – Jo
 3. “Carol of the Bells” – MiniM Choir
 4. Intro – Jo
 5. Monologue – “Mary” – Miriam Carter
 6. Monologue – “Joseph” – Craig Carter
 7. Intro – Jo
 8. MiniM Choir – “Joyful, Joyful”
 9. MiniM Choir – “Christmas Rag”
 10. Outro - Jo
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1. Welcome and intro – Jo

Welcome to Interactive Christmas! It’s great to have you here tonight.

Unfortunately Christmas isn’t quite here yet... (how many sleeps?) so we have some waiting to do. Mary and Joseph had to wait for months for the baby Jesus to be born. The people of Israel had waited hundreds and hundreds of years for a king to come and save them.

So our theme today is about Waiting for Hope, Joy, Peace and Love. You’re going to hear part of the Christmas story here in drama and song, and then you’ll be able to go and explore the Christmas story through all kinds of activities.

We want to share with you some songs and a reflection about joy. I’d like to welcome the MiniM Choir. What are we waiting for? Let’s go.

4. Intro - Jo

I wonder what it was like for Mary and Joseph when they learned about the baby? Were they happy? Let’s find out...

7. Intro - Jo

So it seems that neither Mary nor Joseph were happy at first when they learned that a baby was coming. But that soon changed when they began to trust that this child was from God. The Bible tells us that Mary sang a song of joy which we call “The Magnificat”. Here’s the MiniM Choir with a song that’s full of joy.

10. Outro – Jo

In a moment you’ll be able to go out through those doors and take part in the activities. You have a map to guide you. There’s no need to rush. You can do the activities in any order, and take as long as you like. The very last activity is called “Silent Night” and it’s at the back of the building. You can go from there outside to the tennis courts where there’s a sausage sizzle.

As you more through the activities, we hope that you’ll have a sense of being on a journey, like Mary and Joseph and the wise ones and the shepherds, and that you will discover something of the Christ child who brings joy, hope, peace and love. OK, off you go!